

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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KOWBEL, and JOHANNA ROMMENS

Application No.: 08/731,499

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For: GENES FROM THE 20Q13
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES.

Examiner: N. Johnson

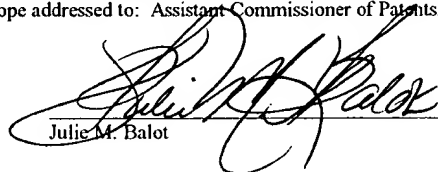
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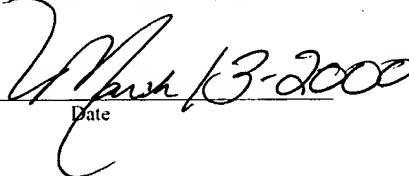
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 1999, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for three months is enclosed. For the convenience of the Examiner, a list of the pending claims is attached as Appendix I.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 20, 21, and 22 without prejudice.